

House Resolution No. 4169

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the Mitchell Family Reunion, which will be held August 4, 2007; and

Whereas, the Mitchell Family can trace its roots back to Dave "Papa" Mitchell, the first member of the Mitchell Family to set foot on American soil, who was born in Jamaica around 1850 and worked his way to the United States on a sail ship and settled in Louisiana where he made a living as a fisherman and sharecropper; and

Whereas, the Mitchell Family was continued by Charley Mitchell and Clara Howard, Louisiana natives who were married in 1911 and went on to have twelve children who included James, Mary Alice, Charley, Edward, Holloway, Clara, John, Elv, Dave, Henry, Milton, and Thelma; and

Whereas, Charley and Clara Mitchell provided a safe and secure future for their children, moving to St. Louis from Chopan, Louisiana after World War II; and

Whereas, affectionately known as "Big Papa", Charley Mitchell built a home on Wilmore Street in Kinloch and worked for Universal Match Company for twenty years until his retirement; and

Whereas, in the late 1950s, Clara "Big Mama" Mitchell moved to Chicago, while Charley traveled between St. Louis, Chicago, and Alexandria; and

Whereas, following the death of her husband, Clara Mitchell continued to make her home in Chicago before passing away at the age of ninety-four:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the members of the Mitchell Family as they proudly celebrate the Mitchell Family Reunion; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Mitchell Family Reunion.

Offered by _____
Representative Juanita Head Walton
District No. 81

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4169, adopted July 5, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker